

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 718

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Mike Biggs of Greenfield on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mike Biggs is one such estimable citizen who has served with probity for twelve years as Mayor of the city of Greenfield ; and

WHEREAS, Mike Biggs was a diligent member of the city council for ten years before being elected to serve as Greenfield's Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Greenfield has enjoyed tremendous growth under the astute leadership of Mayor Biggs; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious administration, Mr. Biggs has worked tirelessly on beautifying the city, in addition to focusing on industrial promotion and growth; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Biggs' accomplishments in office are many; during his sterling tenure, he has overseen the beautification of the Greenfield downtown area, has established new parking areas, has worked to improve the city's fire rating from a Class 7 to a Class 4, has been responsible for the city's receipt of several CDBG grants, has created more jobs by

recruiting Parker-Hannifin Plastics Products and the new Kellwood Cutting Department to Greenfield, and has overseen the building of the new Dr. Nathan Porter Library, and the establishment of a full-time ambulance station; and

WHEREAS, due to his exemplary efforts, a four-lane highway has been constructed through the city, resulting in the expansion of Greenfield's economic base through the establishment of new businesses, including a Dollar General store, a second health clinic, a new First Baptist Church, Exxon Express, the Greenfield Banking Company drive-in facility, Fred's Dollar Store, Express Pharmacy, and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mike Biggs is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Nancy; the loving couple have resided in the greater Greenfield community for 26 of the 30 years of their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Nancy Biggs are two superlative educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, the Biggses have taught algebra in the Greenfield schools the entire time they have made this fine metropolis their home; Mike has taught for 29 years and currently teaches algebra at the local high school, while Nancy has taught for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biggs is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and he is tremendously admired by students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Nancy Biggs displayed their "green thumbs" with the establishment of Biggs Nursery in 1979; located on the northside outside of Greenfield, the nursery now specializes in spring bedding plants, fall mums, and Christmas poinsettias; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biggs is an active and important part of the community and his profession; he participates in numerous civic organizations, including the Greenfield Rotary Club, where he has been an active member for over 20 years, in addition to having rendered astute service as the club's past president and as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, he lends his support to such noteworthy organizations as the summer baseball program, having served as a coach for 17 years, the Chamber of Commerce, and Volunteer General Hospital in Martin as a member of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mike Biggs also contributes his time and numerous talents to his hobbies of reading, tending to his flower beds at home, and fishing in the area's ponds and lakes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biggs exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Biggs is the proud parent of three sons: Brad, a financial planner with Merrill-Lynch in Jackson; Jake, a UPS and Biggs Nursery worker of Greenfield; and David, a sophomore at UT Martin, part-time dispatcher for WCMES in Martin, and part-time employee of Greenfield Banking; and

WHEREAS, Mike Biggs also takes time from a very busy schedule to regularly attend First Presbyterian Church, where he serves as a Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, Mike Biggs is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and he should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mayor Biggs has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate other to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mayor Mike Biggs of Greenfield our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

